



May 2018

Evansville District Walk to Emmaus Newsletter

Volume 5

### EDWE Board of Directors

**May Monthly Gathering**  
**Saturday, May 12, 2018**

**St. James West UMC**  
**3111 Hillcrest Terrace**  
**Evansville, IN 47712**

**Your family, friends, and children are**  
**always welcome to attend our gatherings.**

**Fundraiser Meal: 4:00pm - 6:30pm**  
**Social Time: 6:30pm - 7:00pm**  
**Gathering with Communion: 7:00pm**

- June** - Baker Chapel UMC
- July** - North Friendship GB (Lynnville)
- August** - Chandler UMC
- Sept.** - Hemenway Presbyterian (Boonville)
- Oct.** - Dale UMC
- Nov.** - Santa Claus UMC

Monthly witness speakers are needed. Would you like to share what the Lord is doing in your life? Contact our Gathering Coordinator to schedule your witness talk.

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Musicians and/or song leaders needed  
for our monthly gatherings.

If you are interested, please contact:

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When there is a death of a family member connected to our EDWE Community, please contact an EDWE board member. This will assist us with extending our condolences, prayers and support to the family.

### **2018 EDWE Weekends and Lay Directors**

#### **Men's Walk #90**

November 8th-11th

Lay Director - Mark Wilson

#### **Women's Walk #91**

November 15th-18th

Lay Director - Rebecca Fenn

**September 13th will be the deadline for our Community to meet the 20 pilgrim minimum for each Walk. Additional applications will be accepted through October 25th.**

**Remember, applications are available on our website: [www.edwe.com](http://www.edwe.com).**

**Our Volunteer Sheets are also available so fill one out if you are interested in working on a Walk and turn them in at a Gathering or mail to: Team Selection Committee Chair, P.O. Box 3937, Evansville, IN 47737.**

## **Did you know that EDWE has a new policy regarding our Walk deadlines?**

Well, after our most recent Walk cancellations, the board decided to add a deadline for meeting the minimum number of pilgrims before Team Formations even begin.

The new Walk Declaration Deadline (deadline to meet the 20 men/20 women pilgrim minimum that is set by the Upper Room) will be 8 weeks before the Men's Walk. Once we meet the minimum, the final Pilgrim Application deadline will be 2 weeks before the Men's Walk.

This decision was not made lightly. It makes sure that no Team Formations are held before we have the required number of pilgrims. We all know that when a Walk is coming up, the team members are often under attack from Satan and the stress of not knowing whether or not the Walk will go forward is unnecessary stress the team members do not need.

A Walk Declaration Deadline allows the teams to go into their Formations fully focused on serving God. The eight weeks allows for some flexibility in planning the Formations: 5 weeks allowed for Formations, 1 week free before the Walk and 2 more weeks to allow for scheduling problems and/or snow delays. This also gives Sponsors ample time to gather their personal agape.

So, September 13, 2018 will be the deadline for our Community to meet the 20 pilgrim minimum for Walks #90 & #91. Once the minimum has been met, additional applications will be accepted through October 25th.

Some 4<sup>th</sup> Day members have expressed concern that the 8 weeks Declaration deadline is too far out from the Walk. We respect these opinions and know that God must be relied upon to send the pilgrims. But we also feel that God expects us, as dedicated 4<sup>th</sup> Day members, to work on sponsorship all year long, not just the two weeks before a deadline. Remember, with only one set of Walks a year, we have 10 months to seek out pilgrims. And this year, we have 18 months between our last Walk and our upcoming Walks. So, please be in prayer about who YOU can sponsor.

## **Why do we follow a 20 Pilgrim Minimum for Walks?**

As a board, we are very committed to living in covenant with the Upper Room, our sponsoring organization. The Upper Room states that a Walk should have a minimum of 20 pilgrims. Our board feels strongly that it is important to live up to the Covenant we signed with the Upper Room.

There are several reasons that having 20+ pilgrims is important. The most important reason is to create a sense of family with meaningful discussion at our tables by having a well balanced participant to team ratio without overpowering the pilgrims with too many team members.

The Upper Room also wants our Walks to pay for themselves and to stay in a healthy financial position which requires more pilgrims as opposed to fewer. By setting the Walk Declaration date 8 weeks prior to the Men's Walk, we avoid spending money for food, materials and campground rental for a Walk that ends up being cancelled.

As much as we might want to say that we should have Walks no matter what, the reality is that our community cannot afford to have Walks with low attendance. The reality is our treasury is low because we have low attendance at our Gatherings.

We believe that our Pilgrims deserve the full experience of a full table family and a vital full Walk. The Upper Room has been carrying out Walks to Emmaus for a very long time and have the experience behind them to recommend what makes for the best experience possible for a pilgrim so we have chosen to honor our covenant to carry out the best Walk possible in service to the Lord.